

Sheridan School District 48J

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Early Graduation

Early graduation is an opportunity for very capable students, who have concrete plans to pursue further education and/or full-time work to complete their high school academic requirements in three years.

The district shall provide for early graduation of students from high school in those cases in which parents, guardians, student, school administration and/or other persons having legal custody have approved a written plan for completion of all requirements for the district's standard diploma.

Students normally must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 to apply for early graduation. Within the twenty-four units of credit for the district's standard diploma, only one credit may be earned as an office or teaching assistant; no more than three credits of work experience shall apply; and no more than three credits of off campus course work shall apply toward the graduation requirements. Failure to maintain the grade point average may jeopardize the approval of the early graduation plan.

Courses identified as requirements for the senior year in high school will require the written signature of approval from both the student's counselor and the high school principal prior to enrollment in the class earlier than the student's senior year.

Applications for students to graduate early must be received by the high school administration by May 1 of the student's sophomore year, unless the student moves into the district after that time or the student can document a unique opportunity that would warrant a Fall application. In that case, the student must apply by October 1 of the student's junior year. Completed applications include the district's early graduation form, a letter of interest from the student detailing future plans and why he/she is seeking to graduate early, counselor's opinion of the request, a copy of the student's current schedule, a plan for all future course work and a current high school transcript.

The high school principal shall review the application and bring his/her recommendation to the superintendent. The high school administration will review the plan to determine whether it was completed as approved prior to authorizing graduation. Students who are approved for early graduation will receive their diploma upon completion, and may be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies, pending application approval.

Early graduation shall not be granted to students who have been approved for a modified diploma.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.447](#)

[ORS 329.465](#)

[ORS 339.030](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.295](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1130](#)

[OAR 581-022-1210](#)

[OAR 581-022-1350](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IKF - Graduation Requirements